

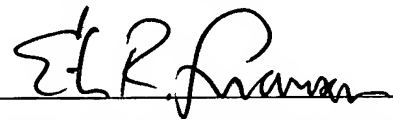
REMARKS

Claims 1-16 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/DE2003/003163, as well as new claims 1-13 presented in the international phase, have been canceled, and new claims 17-36 have been added to adapt the claims of the underlying international application to U.S. practice. Appropriate amendments were made to the specification and abstract for the same purpose. Amended Fig. 5 is submitted herewith as a replacement sheet for the Examiner's consideration. Amended Fig. 5 includes the label "Prior Art," in accordance with the brief description of Fig. 5 provided in paragraph [0029]. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Applicant believes that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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